Sl.No.	Name of SEBs	1997-98
4.	GEB (A)	—1363.62
5.	HSEB (A)	—712.79
6.	HPSEB (A)	29.45
7	KEB (A)	—321.77
8.	KSEB (A)	—296.70
9.	MPEB (A)	—753.01
10.	MSEB (A)	—36.61
11.	MeSEB (A)	—52.00
12.	PSEB (A)	—555.27
13.	RSEB (A)	—639.53
14.	TNEB (A)	—296.42
15.	UPSEB (A)	—1547.97
16.	WBSEB (A)	—164.18
	ALL INDIA:	—8436.66

A—AUDITED

U—UNAUDITED

SOURCE: CEA

Private Investment in Power Sector

5577. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reforms effected in recent past in regard to power sector to attract private investment in power generation, transmission and distribution network;

(b) the details of private investment proposals cleared since privatisation policy and actual investment made over the period, State-wise.;

(c) the details of completed and ongoing projects in private sector with estimated cost and capacity thereof;

(d) the details of power sector projects which could not make any headway and reasons therefor along with the action proposed; and

(e) the details of fresh proposals received from private parties (including FDI) and action taken thereon?

THE MINIST2R OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Some of the steps taken by the Government for simplifying and decentralising the procedure for clearance of private power projects and to attract more companies in the power sector, *inter alia,* are:

— minimising the number of clearances required to be obtained for the purpose of apraisal of the private power projects by Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

— minimising the role of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board by providing for automatic approval for foreign equity in selected categories and enlarging the provisions for automatic approval for such projects. Accordingly, projects for electric generation, transmission and distribution will be permitted foreign equity participation upto 100% on the automatic approval route provided the foreign equity in any such project does not exceed Rs. 1500 crore

— delegating more powers for environmental clearance to State Governments. _

— raising the limits for power projects which require the clearance from CEA.

— preparation of a shelf of projects to facilitate early execution and reduction of time required for preparation.

— close monitoring at various levels to expedite clearances, remove bottlenecks and to resolve the 'last mile' problems in achieving financial closure.

— the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 has been enacted which enabled setting up of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. Eleven States have set up Regulatory Commissions and three States have notified the Commissions.

— The Electricity Laws Amendment, Act 1998 was enacted to make transmission as a distinct activity for encouraging greater participation by the private sector.

— A policy on Hydro Power Development was initiated for ac derating the pace of hydro power development in order to exploit the vast hydro-electric potential at faster pace, increase the private investment and

promote small arid mini hydel projects.

— the development of mega power projects at mine pit-heads both in public and private sector with transmission facilities for evacuation of power to other regions was encouraged.

(b) to (d) Since the inception of the private power policy of the Government of India till date, central Electricity Authority (CEA) has accorded techno-economic clearance to 57 projects having an aggregste capacity of 29362.3 MW involving an estimated cost of Rs. 122008.61 crores for which complete Detailed Projects Reports (DPRs) had been received. Details of these projects are given in Annexure *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 131]. The actual investment involved will crystallize only after these projects achieve financial closure and complete construction. Of the private power projects which have been accorded techno-economic clearance of CEA, details of completed and ongoing projects are given in Annexure. *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 131]. The remaining projects will be taken up for implementation by the project promoters after the requisite inputs/ linkages are tied up and financial closure is achieved.

(e) Details of the schemes for setting up power projects in the private sector in the country for which the Detailed Projects Reports have been received in Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for techno-economic clearance, indicated their estimated completed costs, the project promoters, capacity and the pending inputs/clearances/linkages are given in Annexure. *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No., 131].

New Policy on Allocation of Electricity

5578. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to slate:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently announced a policy on allocation of electricity generated from its new projects by converting the existing Gadgil formula;

(b) whether some of the SEBs are willing to undertake power reforms;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the new policy will affect on the working of SEBs and meet power shortages in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to treat